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AIR FREIGHT UP 13.4% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 24--Air freight increased 13.4 percent in May, compared to May a year ago, and was up 18.0 percent in the first five months of this year for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in May rose 10.8 percent. Mail declined 2.7 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 7.7 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in May was up 16.2 percent. Mail declined 2.7 percent, and total cargo rose 14.3 percent.

In the first five months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 15.2 percent. Mail increased 2.8 percent, and total cargo was up 12.2 percent.

International freight during the first five months rose 21.3 percent. Mail was up 1.9 percent, and total cargo increased 19.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MAY	1988	391,487	101,491	492,978	360,384	33,783	394,167	751,871	887,145
MAY	1987	353,236	104,335	457,571	310,035	34,705	344,740	663,271	802,311
PERCENT CHANGE		10.8	(2.7)	7.7	16.2	(2.7)	14.3	13.4	10.6
5 MONTHS	1988	1,897,054	538,872	2,435,926	1,698,057	171,979	1,870,036	3,595,111	4,305,962
5 MONTHS	1987	1,647,272	524,445	2,171,717	1,399,902	168,782	1,568,684	3,047,174	3,740,401
PERCENT CHANGE		15.2	2.8	12.2	21.3	1.9	19.2	18.0	15.1

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.